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SHEET FOR ABSORBENT ARTICLE)

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-captioned patent application, kindly enter the following amendment.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 1, 2, 6 and 8 as follows:

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1. (Amended) A liquid permeable cover sheet (1, 201, 301) for an absorbent article, which cover sheet comprises at least a first material layer, wherein a surface of the first material layer (2) essentially consists of polyethylene which has been treated with plasma or corona to obtain a hydrophilic surface, and said surface of the first material layer has an oxygen/carbon ratio which is higher than 0.19.

2. (Amended) A liquid-permeable cover sheet according to claim 1, wherein the first material layer (2) consists of a nonwoven material comprising fibres having a surface, in which at least the surface of the fibres essentially consists of polyethylene.

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6. (Twice Amended) A liquid-permeable cover sheet according to claim 1 and further having a second material layer (204), wherein a surface of the second